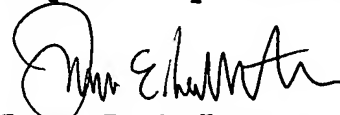


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-7 in favor of new claims 8-14 to correspond to the Article 19 amendment, pursuant to MPEP 1893.01(a)(2), second paragraph. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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